

## WHEN IS GARDEN SOIL READY FOR PLANTING?

The Average Back-yard Soil is Poor but Housewife or Child May Get Good Results of Careful Attention Is Given Its Preparation in the Spring

Washington, D. C., March 12.—"When is the proper time for preparing to plant one's garden?"

The United States Department of Agriculture's specialist says that in the spring as soon as the soil has dried so that a handful when grasped in the hand and gripped by the fingers will slowly fall apart upon being released, it is in a fit mechanical condition to prepare for planting. Clay or heavy soils should never be worked while wet. More injury may be done by doing this than can be overcome in several years of careful culture.

When the soil is found dry, as described above, the upper three inches should be made fine by the use of the hoe and steel-tooth rake; all rubbish, stones, and clods should be removed and the surface made even, somewhat compact, and as level as the contour of the area will permit. It may then be marked off for planting in conformity to the general plan of the garden.

Much of the soil in the average back yard is not only poor in plant food and deficient in decaying vegetable matter, but it is hard and unyielding. However, such is the basis which many a housewife or child has to use for the making of a garden. Teachers who plan school gardens for their pupils also have similar conditions to meet. Therefore, in order to get good results, careful attention must be given to the preparation of the soil.

Soils which are naturally moist are likely to be sour and so not in the best condition for the crop. Whether sour or not it will be well to have the pupils test them, which can be done as follows: Secure from a drug store a piece of blue litmus paper; then take a handful of the soil slightly moistened and place the paper on it. If sour the paper will turn red. To correct such a condition lime should be used. Cover the ground with a thin coat of air-slaked lime, which can probably be secured near-by at small cost, and work this in well. The use of the lime, while not a plant food, will correct the acidity and will improve the physical condition of the soil.

If the soil is clayey or a stiff clay loam and the location is in a section where severe freezing occurs, it will be found a decided advantage to give the area a heavy dressing of decomposed manure in the autumn, and before freezing weather sets in spade the land so as to turn the manure under and leave the soil in a rough, lumpy condition so as to secure the benefit of the digestive action of the winter freezes in reducing the soils. This should be repeated annually at the North. If the soil is light and sandy, a mulch of manure may be spread over it in the fall and the spading delayed until spring.

## VERONA NEWS

Mrs. H. P. Wilks spent Tuesday in Monett.

Mrs. Charles Vaughan and daughter, Miss Nelle, spent several days this week visiting with friends in Verona.

James Wilhite spent Wednesday in Monett. He was accompanied home by his daughter, Mrs. Lea Williams of Sand Springs, Ok., who had been visiting there.

Jesse Vaughan departed Sunday night for Oklahoma where he intends to locate. Mrs. Vaughan, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Wilks of this place, will join him soon.—Advocate.

## BIRTHDAY DINNER

A birthday dinner was given in honor of Mrs. Bert Carr at her home north of town, Saturday. Those from Monett who attended were Mrs. S. D. Carr and daughter Gladys, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bolton and Mr. and Mrs. Will Browning.

John Farrow came home from Springfield, Friday night for a short visit.

Lois and Kenneth Wright visited in Peirce City, Saturday.

## TRIPLETS BORN TO MR. AND MRS. E. L. RICKMAN

Last Friday Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rickman were the proud parents of seven children but Saturday night, March 6, 1915, the Stork visited their home and now ten children can call them father and mother, for this emissary of the teachings of Col. Roosevelt left three well developed and healthy baby boys in that home all at one visit.

The babies and their proud mother are doing fine. One of the babies weighed 5½ pounds and the other two each weighed 4½ pounds. The identity of the smaller two is designated by different colored ribbons. Their names are Clyde, Clint and Claude.

Once before the Stork left twins at the Rickman home—a boy and a girl. All ten children, eight of whom are boys, are alive and healthy, so we believe that Mr. and Mrs. Rickman have good reason to be proud of them.—Pineville Democrat.

## PREDICTS BUMPER CROP OF PEACHES IN OZARKS

West Plains, March 13.—That the Ozarks will yield one of the greatest crops of peaches in their history is the prediction of W. A. Bratton, president of the Ozark Fruit Farm company of Bransville, and one of the most prominent orchardists in South Missouri.

Mr. Gratton was in West Plains yesterday and when questioned concerning this year's harvest, talked enthusiastically of the encouraging prospects.

"So far," said Mr. Gratton, "everything about the orchards is all right. Most of the operators of peach farms have been on a careful lookout for the different pests which invade the trees at this time of the season, and with continued watchfulness the worries should be over in a few weeks."

In the orchards of the Ozark Fruit Farm company, a large crew of men is now at work administering what is known as the dormant spray, for the prevention of the dreaded San Jose scale. Five gasoline power machines are being used in the work. Each power machine sprays from 7 to 12 acres of trees each day.

## NEWTON COUNTY LICENSES

Jerry Patterson	Granby
Eva Biddlecome	Neosho
Sandy Holmes	Neosho
Iola Matthews	Neosho
H. F. Morehead	Seneca
Estella Mhoon	Seneca
Ferdinand Devaney	Joplin
Mary Defelt	Joplin
Ed Heckmaster	Diamond
Elizabeth Bradley	Diamond
Wm. A. Brown	Big Cabin, Ok.
Sarah B. Keller	Springfield
J. A. Hayworth	Granby
Nilia Stites	Granby
D. E. Furguson	Bartlesville, Ok.
Pansy Juby	Bartlesville, Ok.
S. T. Hyatt	Pittsburg, Kan.
Lillie Selige	Pittsburg, Kan.
Elmer Hendry	Stella
Anna Armstrong	Jacket
J. E. Carlyon	Granby
Georgia Barnett	Granby

## BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. O. Barker gave a birthday dinner, Sunday, in honor of her sixtieth birthday. Her guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Inman, of Webb City, Miss Chloe Bethel, of Joplin, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Carlin, of Purdy and Mr. and Mrs. James Willis and children of Monett.

## STRUCK WITH ROCK; DIES

Neosho, March 12.—Thomas Tartar, a farmer, died at 4 o'clock this morning at his home, three miles east of Erie, Mo., fifteen miles southeast of here, from injuries received in a fight at a dance Wednesday night. Carl Mayfield is said to have struck him with a rock.

## DUNAPHANT STOCK SOLD

The Dunaphant stock of confectionery goods was sold at bankrupt sale, Saturday. D. B. Kingery was the purchaser, paying \$150 for the stock.

**Keep Your Bowels Regular**  
As everyone knows, the bowels are the sewerage system of the body, and it is of the greatest importance that they move once each day. If your bowels become constipated, take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets just after supper and they will correct the disorder. Obtainable everywhere.

## TANEY COUNTY GOES DRY AGAIN.

The Drys Win By a Majority of Over Seven Hundred.

Branson, Mo., March 12.—Taney county went dry by a majority, which will total, with the receipt of the complete returns, about 700 votes.

The victory of the prohibitionists is even more pronounced than that incident to the election four years ago. The only section of the county where the "wets" manifested any strength was in Branson, where the vote at 8 dry vote, taking the township as a whole stood 130 for the wets and 110 for the drys. Franklin township, in which Branson is located, polled a whole. At Hollister the drys won by the figures of 117 as against 12. The figures were comparatively similar at Forsyth, the county seat, where another dry victory was registered by 127 votes for the adoption of local option and 29 against.

## NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue and authority of a special execution, issued from the office of the clerk of the circuit court, County of Barry, returnable to the March term, 1915 of said court, and to me directed, in favor of Shenandoah National Bank of Shenandoah, Iowa, plaintiff and against Mace D. Jacques, Ella Jacques, Josephine White and G. W. Mooney defendants; I have levied upon and seized all the right, title, interest, claim, estate and property of the defendants above named, Mace D. Jacques, Ella Jacques, Josephine White and G. W. Mooney of, in and to the following described real estate, situated in the County of Barry, and State of Missouri, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lots Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Block Twelve (12), Frisco Addition to Town of Monett. And I will on Tuesday the 30th day of March, 1915, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the court house door in the city of Cassville, in the County of Barry, State of Missouri, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all the right, title, interest, claim, estate and property of the above named defendants, Mace D. Jacques, Ella Jacques, Josephine White and G. W. Mooney of, in and to the above described property, to satisfy said execution and costs.

G. M. BRIXEY,  
Sheriff of Barry County, Mo.  
First Insertion March 9, 1915.

## Trustees Sale

Whereas, John F. Kimes, of Monett, County of Barry, State of Missouri, by his certain deed of trust dated November 28, 1913 and recorded in book No. 52 at page 500 in the recorder of deed's office within and for Barry county, Missouri, conveyed to the undersigned trustee the following described real estate situated in Barry County, Missouri, to wit: Lot numbered one (1), in Wm. F. Durnil's addition to Monett, Missouri. In trust, however, to secure the payment of certain promissory notes in said deed of trust described. And, whereas, default has been made in the payment of nine (9) of said notes and the interest thereon, and whereas it is provided in said deed of trust that a failure or refusal to pay said debt, or the interest on any part thereof, when the same or any part thereof shall become due and payable according to the true tenor, date and effect of said notes, then the whole shall become due and payable. And whereas the legal holder of said notes elected to declare all of said notes due and payable on account of the default above mentioned.

Now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said notes, I will on Saturday the 20th day of March, 1915, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m. at the postoffice door in the City of Monett, Barry County, Missouri, proceed to sell the above described real estate at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash in hand to satisfy the debt and interest together with the cost and expenses of executing this trust.

ROBERT JOHNSTON,  
Trustee.  
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Allen Wicks, of Peirce City, was in town, Sunday evening.

## THE NEW Y. M. C. A. LIBRARY.

Following is the list of the men who assisted Secretary Geo. J. C. Wilhelm in securing the Calvin library at the Railroad Y. M. C. A. Mr. Wilhelm wishes to personally thank them for their assistance.

Contributing \$10.00—First National Bank.

Contributing \$1.00—W. L. Heath, J. S. Hart, George J. C. Wilhelm, Solon Wright, J. J. Davis, W. H. Floreth, Logan D. McKee, F. M. Hall, R. M. Callaway, J. L. Hobbs, O. R. White, John O'Connell, J. M. King, John Walsh, J. M. Russell, S. A. Chapell, Shaffer Bros., Boss & Gabriel, J. F. Campbell, H. Bass, F. E. Zentner, T. E. Baldwin, John J. Howe, C. A. Rogers, R. J. Lewis, E. Folger, F. P. Sizer, Drs. Jones & Barnhill.

Contributing 50 cents each—Wm. Noble, Lester Howell, Richard Mills, C. M. Kimber, J. C. Leake, Roy H. Counts, F. M. Reinsmith, J. L. Dorris, N. Dee Campbell, Frank Blair, Tom McMillen, W. S. Perry, A. W. Royalty, Wm. Fredrick, Earl Dennis, E. A. O'Dwyer, Philip B. Davis, E. E. O'Dwyer, J. A. Amber, J. L. Mace, Jas. E. Sater, Greer & Trimble, B. E. Williams, H. I. Bradford, W. E. Bradford.

The quarterly meeting of the Ozark Fruit Growers Association was held in Neosho last Tuesday, and most of the officers and directors were there. George T. Lincoln, of Bentonville, Ark., is president and J. W. Stroud, of Rogers, Ark., secretary of the association. Other prominent fruit men in attendance were Senator P. A. Rogers, of Rogers, Ark.; L. A. Goodman, of Kansas City; J. H. Johnson, of Monett, Mr. Carmichael, of Webb City, and J. H. Chastain, George Hatzfield, T. F. Starcher and W. N. Vaughn, of Newton county. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss freight rates and prepare data for the use of the State Utilities Commission and the Interstate Commerce Commission.

## SENIORS HAVE PIE SUPPER

The senior class of the high school gave a pie supper at the Y. M. C. A. Friday night. Each member of the class invited a friend and they had a good attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gulick chaperoned the party. The young ladies wore aprons and the young men overalls and they had an informal jolly time.

Will Robb, postmaster of Wentworth, was in town Tuesday on business and said the losses from the recent fire in his town had been adjusted and that preparations for rebuilding were being made. He said the Odd Fellows contemplate the erection of a building of their own.—Saxco Record.

W. T. Azbell, ex-postmaster of Edwardsport, Ind., writes: "I suffered from severe trouble with my kidneys and back. First bottle of Foley Kidney Pills gave me relief." Thousands testify that backache, rheumatism, sore muscles, aching joints and bladder weakness vanished when Foley Kidney Pills were taken. For sale by A. H. Cox & Co.

Monett young people who attended a dance at the Windsor Hotel in Peirce City, Friday night were Van Feist, Roy Watson, James Copeland, Leonard Gabriel, Tillman Temple, Clinton Bennett, Merrill Sevier and Bob Alley.

Johnson's Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds; my birds won 3 first, 2 third, 2 fourth and 2 fifth prizes in 3 shows. Eggs pen No. 1, \$2.50 per 15; \$6.00 per 50. Pen No. 2 eggs \$1.00 per 15; \$2.75 per 50; \$5.00 per 100. Residence first house south of I. O. O. F. cemetery. Phone 917-F-33. Finis E. Johnson. d&w t3

Friday afternoon Revs. Holcomb Jeter, Jordan and Smith visited the high school and talked to the young people. Rev. Jeter gave an illustrated talk using the blackboard. It was much enjoyed.

**Quick Action Wanted**  
When one is coughing and spitting—with tickling throat, tightness in chest, soreness in throat and lungs—when head is aching and the whole body racked with a cough that won't permit sleep—he wants immediate relief. Thousands say Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is the surest and quickest acting medicine for coughs, colds, croup and la grippe. Sold by A. H. Cox & Co.

## DEAD AND DYING FOR WANT OF DRUG

Pitiful Case of Purdy Family Addicted to Morphine Habit When Cut Off from Supply

The death of Harry Eylar and the taking of his mother and sister to the county farm this week is one of the many pitiful cases following the Anti-Narcotic law which went into effect March 1.

The Eylar family lived at Purdy and all became addicted to the morphine habit. The three of them were using \$2.75 cents worth a day when they were cut off from their supply. Neighbors going into their home found the three of them lying unconscious and the young man died soon after they were discovered in their pitiful condition. It is believed that he got hold of the bottle and took an overdose which caused his death.

The mother and daughter were revived but are practically insane for want of the stimulant. They were given enough of the drug to get them in condition to be moved and Friday morning they were taken to the county farm. It is believed that the older woman will die.

The family was at one time quite wealthy. The father and one son contracted the liquor habit and died of delirium tremens. It is believed that Harry, in trying to break himself of the drink habit which caused the death of his father and brother, contracted the more deadly habit of using morphine. The mother probably began to use the drug when she lost her loved ones and the property was gone. They were in the most destitute circumstances. They had burned their barn and everything they could to keep themselves warm.

The citizens of Purdy did not know how to cope with such a terrible situation and have turned the women over to the county.

## SLUMBER PARTY

Misses Minnie Richards and Verna Eagle delightfully entertained a number of their friends at a slumber party on Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Browning on Seventh street. They enjoyed music and dancing until a late hour when a delicious lunch was served. The young ladies all spent a most enjoyable time.

The guests were Misses Verna Wagner, Pauline Hunt, Nettie Pratt, Pearl Bridges, Mabel Lloyd, Blanche Agan, Flora Amos, Elizabeth McGrath, Kate McGrath, Mesdames C. F. Brown, Earl Aulgur, Olin Osborne, Opal Fowler and Bert Bradford.

## The Court of Last Resort

Around the stove of the cross roads grocery is the real court of last resort, for it finally over-rules all others. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been brought before this court in almost every cross roads grocery in this country and has always received a favorable verdict. It is in the country where man expects to receive full value for his money that this remedy is most appreciated. Obtainable everywhere.

## MITCHELL VOTED RIGHT

We are pleased to note that Senator Robt. Mitchell voted for the "Honorable Election Bill." Senator Mitchell can be trusted to look after the interests of his constituents and will not bow to the demands of the machine politicians.

C. J. Roberts of Peirce City was here Monday with a view to making arrangements to move. He is a jeweler who has been working for the Palmer Jewelry Company of Peirce City. Finding an opening here, he has decided to move in the next week or ten days. He will occupy the Hotel building on the east side.—Saxco Record.

Best thing for constipation, sour stomach, lazy liver and sluggish bowels. Stops a sick headache almost at once. Gives a most thorough and satisfactory flushing—no pain, no nausea. Keeps your system cleansed, sweet and wholesome. Ask for Citrolax. Sold by A. H. Cox & Co.

Mrs. Val Pitzner, of Aurora, was visiting here, Sunday.

Miss Fannie Gaydou was in town, Saturday.

Mrs. R. R. Cramer went to Joplin, Saturday to visit relatives.

Mrs. J. F. Chastain, of Purdy, was in town, Saturday.

Dr. Robinson and Elijah Hilton, of McDowell, were in town, Saturday.

Miss Helen Weaver has returned from a visit in Joplin.

Mrs. Pat Dewine and daughter Bernetta visited in Springfield, Saturday.

George Bowersock, of Sapulpa, Ok., visited here, Friday night.

H. H. Fowler is ill and unable to be at work at the terminal.

Andy Hawkins visited his mother at Saxco the first of the week.

Misses Pauline and Bereniece Hunt visited friends in Cassville this week.

Miss Beulah Matthews was shopping here, Saturday.

Mrs. J. E. Blankenship, of Purdy, was shopping here, Saturday.

Miss Laura Bragassa, of Neosho, will visit Miss Mildred Morrow, next week.

Miss Edith Wilson, of Mount Vernon, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Jenkins.

Miss Edna Green returned home, Friday evening, from a two weeks' visit in Springfield.

Mail clerks Ben Beckham and Lawson of the Paris division, have been transferred to Texarkana.

Mrs. Pate Anderson and daughter, of north of town, visited in Aurora, Saturday.

F. M. Hall, who has been quite ill with gripe, was able to be at the store, Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Young and daughters, of south of town, were shopping here, Saturday.

Misses Marie Randall and Mary Maher visited friends in Peirce City, Sunday.

Miss Alice Parsons returned home Sunday night from a visit with relatives at Muskogee, Ok.

Mr. Galloway, postmaster at Cassville, visited Saturday night with his daughter, Mrs. Lester Powers.

Mrs. Jack Kane and son Joseph visited Mrs. Kane's mother, Mrs. Stuckey, at Peirce City, Sunday.

Mrs. J. S. Judkins and Miss Helen Boyer are here from St. Louis for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Spilman, of Wentworth, visited H. P. S. Burke's family, Saturday.

Miss Margaret Mangrish, of Aurora, is assisting in Ruscha's store during the sale.

Mrs. Emile Reynaud and baby went to Verona, Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilks.

Misses Vera Boynton and Hazel St. Louis visited the Aurora schools, Monday.

Misses Emma and Louise Geister, of Springfield, visited their grandmother, Mrs. Frederika Geister, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Flehmer and son Frederick Joseph, of Peirce City, visited August Birkenbach and family, Sunday.

Mrs. Howard, who has been ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Walsh, has recovered and has returned to her home north of town.

Charles Mansfield was carried down stairs, Monday morning which was the first time he had been out of bed for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Pollock will move here from Scammon, Kan., the first of April and will occupy one of their houses on Fourth street. They formerly lived here.

Mrs. O. H. Hudson has returned from Wichita, Kan., and Mr. Hudson from Jefferson City. They will move to their new home on Frisco avenue next week.

Misses Mildred Morrow, Gladys Price and Helen Lehnhard, and Messrs. Earl and Floyd Callaway and Fred Gibbons motored to Joplin, Sunday.

## 200,000 Strawberry Plants

Grown from Northern stock, heavily rooted pure stock and true to name. I have sold strawberry plants the past 20 years and have had no complaint whatever. I make a specialty of growing pure stock and true to name. I have the Aroma, Warfield and Dunlap. I have also the Early Harvest Blackberry plants for sale. A No. 1 fine young plants. Correspondence solicited.

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